

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, announced the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

**WHEREAS,** the adoption of this historic document by the thirteen original colonies marked the birth of the United States of America as a free and independent nation; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina was represented at this celebrated occasion by Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., and Arthur Middleton; and

**WHEREAS,** the United States Congress resolved in 1963 that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells at 2:00 p.m. eastern daylight time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2005, as

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to "Let Freedom Ring" across the Palmetto State in observance of the anniversary of this great event.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**